

Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes  
Thursday, September 2, 2004  
1:30 p.m.  
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office  
HIOSH Training Room  
830 Punchbowl Street #425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Members in Attendance: Allan Parker, Roy Akamine, Kerwin Chong, Tom Vendetta, and Mel Miyamoto.

Guests: Allan Kaaihui, Kalani Joseph, Ben Pila, Clarice Kam, Larry Leopardi, Evelyn Young, Robert Primiano (all from C&C Department of Facility Maintenance) and Staff Lora Contreras.

Call to order: Quorum was met. The meeting was called to order by Chair Parker at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made by new board members Tom Vendetta and Roy Akamine as well as guest introductions.

Board Re-organization:

Chair Parker resigned from his chairmanship and opened discussions on nominations for the board's re-organization. Tom and Roy felt since they were new members they had no objections with Allan remaining as chair. Mel was nominated but asked that Allan remain as chair. The board agreed unanimous that Allan Parker be the new chair.

March 22, 2004

Minutes: Tom Vendetta moved, seconded by Mel Miyamoto to approve the minutes as circulated. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Concerns: Mr. Larry Leopardi shared his concerns to the board on minimum test standard for Lattice Cranes being 80' and the maximum reach for the city work is no more than 40 feet. Much of the city's work is for stream cleaning and picking up shrubs. He further explained that the city modified their cranes to only reach 40' and cannot extend to 80'. He requested that either the city be exempt from certification requirements of 80' or a modified performance test be approved on the 40 foot lattice boom crane.

Mel Miyamoto explained that HMOAB rules certify crane operators only during construction and its criteria falls under NCCCO rules. After much discussion the board tabled further discussion until its next meeting to decide whether the 40' crane is doing maintenance or construction. Chair Parker noted the board's support of Mr. Befitel's response letter to wait for a decision from NCCCO on changing the test standards.

Mr. Leopardi agreed and noted the city's dilemma of November 15, 2004, being the test deadline for their workers and hoped to get an answer by then. His workers would not need to pay for testing should they be exempt from the 80' cranes.

Mr. Leopardi asked for a clear understanding of the "derrick digger" being covered by the rules or not. Mel Miyamoto answered that the derrick digger was not covered by the rules and therefore could be used without certification.

Mr. Ben Pila questioned the possibility of extending special certifications to more than two years.

Mel Miyamoto explained the purpose of limit in its original intent was for long term operators

to be given a chance to study for the new law testing or to retire if they opposed testing. Mr. Leopardi thanked the board for their assistance and noted they would await their response after the next meeting.

Director's Report: All pertinent HMOAB materials were circulated for members:

1. 9/2/04 New Roster
2. HMOAB Attendance Summary
3. HMOAB Public Hearings Summary
4. HMOAB Approved Minutes Summary
5. Attorney General Opinion Regarding Crane Operators (No exemptions)
6. Application Forms and Certification Card Sample
7. 2002-03 Annual Report
8. Date Log on Promulgation of Adm Rules
9. HMOAB Administrative Rules Title 12 Subtitle 7 Chapter 48 (1-11)
10. DLIR Administrative Rules
11. ASME B30.5
12. NCCCO Candidate Handbook
13. DLIR 1998 Special Report to the Legislature

Training program materials were circulated from Preferred Aerial and Crane Technology and Brodek Crane (PACT). PACT has requested board approval to test and certify crane operators in Hawaii. The board tabled discussion for its review of the materials until the next meeting. Mel Miyamoto moved to approve the director's report, seconded by Tom Vendetta. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

The FY04-05 budget was circulated and approved at \$52,700.00. Lora Contreras noted that the budget would accompany a letter of request to Mr. Yokoyama and would be subject to Mr. Befitel's approval.

September 2, 2004 Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget Act 165/98						
A.	Personal Services (position count)					
	Executive Director					
A.1.	Other Personal Services					
	Fringe Benefits (27.17%)				5% pay increase	
					\$ 1,700.00	
				Subtotal:	\$ 35,623.00	
B.	Other Current Expenses					
		2900	Services on a Fee		\$900.00	Training instructor
		3200	Office Supplies		800.00	Certification cards
		3700	Postage		500.00	Mail

		3800	Telephone/fax/internet		1200.00	Tele/Fax
		3900	Printing		800.00	Info/press release
		4100	Mileage		500.00	Board Island Hearings
		4200	Travel - Intra (6 trips @ \$112 x 6)		4100.00	Board Island Hearings
		4300	Per Diem - Intra (6 days @ \$40 x 6)		1500.00	Board Island Hearings
		4600	Car Rental - Intra (6 days @ \$35 x 3)		700.00	Board Island Hearings
		4800	Other Travel - (excess lodge/taxi/air prkg)		800.00	Board Island Hearings
		5820	Equipment Repairs		550.00	Computer Repair
		5821	Equipment Maintenance Contracts		600.00	Computer Repair
		7210	Training Costs		2,000.00	Crane Operators
		7262	Miscellaneous		127.00	
		7800	Non-Capital Purchase of Equipment		2,000.00	Digital camera
				Subtotal:		
				Total Costs:	\$ 52,700.00	

Tom Vendetta moved to approve the FY04-05 budget, Roy Akamine seconded. Unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business: Administrative Rules amendments were tabled until the next board meeting.

Executive Session: None

Correspondence: Letter to Mr. Larry Leopardi from Mr. Nelson B. Befitel dated August 31, 2004, in response to Mr. Leopardi's letter dated July 27, 2004. (on file)

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.